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LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the "Peace Plan of the Republic of Angola" with the request that this document be circulated as a document of the United Nations Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN-DUNEM "MBINDA"
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement

According to news being circulated by UNITA and some international press agencies, an Angolan government delegation, made up of officers of the Angolan Armed Forces, went to Sao Tome and Principe to meet the UNITA military delegation, headed by its Chief of Staff, General Arlindo Chenda Pena Ben-Ben.

Furthermore, other reports, which UNITA is spreading for propaganda purposes, indicate that a cease-fire went into effect on 20 September throughout the territory of Angola.

Quite the contrary, UNITA has stepped up and intensified its military operations on all fronts throughout the country, in a desperate effort to expand and consolidate its positions.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations wishes to deny these reports categorically and also to denounce these allegations before international public opinion, for their sole purpose is to prevent the entry into force of the sanctions adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 15 September 1993 in its resolution 864 (1993); which sanctions, as is well known, are scheduled to be applied as of 25 September 1993.

The Mission of Angola to the United Nations wishes furthermore to make public the peace plan of the Angolan Government, the English text of which reads as follows:

PEACE PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

The desire for stability and peace in the Republic of Angola is an immediate necessity demanded by all Angolans.

This was the objective of the Bicesse Accords in which the Angolan people and the international community joined their efforts. These accords resulted in the holding of free and fair multi-party elections, and, consequently, the establishment of a new constitutional framework, recognized and accepted by all Member countries of the United Nations.

Taking into account the fact that UNITA's leader has consistently assumed a position that is not serious and has defied, not only the Angolan people, but also the demands of the international community as stated in the relevant United Nations resolutions on Angola, namely, resolutions 804/93, 811/93, 823/93, 834/93 and 851/93, the Angolan Government considers that the foundation for the resolution of the post-electoral crisis unleashed by UNITA should be based on the following principles:

1. UNITA military forces should be withdrawn from territories that were illegally occupied after the multi-party elections held on September 29-30, 1992. This action should be followed by a cease-fire under the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

2. The unimpeded access for humanitarian aid and immediate evacuation of the wounded, ill, and foreigners after the cease-fire, must take place.

3. Complete and unequivocal acceptance of the validity of the Bicesse Accords, and the results of the elections held in September 1992.

4. Respect for the legislation produced by the instruments of sovereignty instituted as a result of the elections.

5. The Angolan Government reiterates its willingness to resume negotiations once the conditions for these negotiations have been established.

Luanda, 22 September 1993